

I want to offer my condolences to the Rowell family and the people of Quincy on the loss of a great woman. Barbara left a lasting impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing her. May her memory be eternal.

HONORING ASHLEE MAREE  
WRIGHT FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY  
MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Ashlee Maree Wright is a mother, dynamic visionary, and results-oriented leader. She founded Wright on Time Educational Services (WOT) in 2006, which provides customized educational solutions to communities that desire to open a school, solve an educational problem, or require management services. WOT focuses on developing innovative learning environments that cultivate the entire student in a way that empowers them to be impactful leaders of tomorrow.

As Founder of New Beginnings High School (NBHS), in 2011, Ashlee successfully implemented a unique educational model that provides an innovative and nurturing educational experience, which is available to ALL students in Central Florida. Thousands of students who were once unsuccessful in the traditional public-school model are now thriving, graduating from high school, and pursuing post-graduate opportunities due to Ashlee's unparalleled work.

Before her role as Founder of NBHS, Ashlee established herself as an education professional by being an exceptional teacher and ultimately climbing the career ladder to become a principal at the age of 25. As a result of her *modus operandi*, she is widely acclaimed as the business leader who genuinely cares about the growth of each child. Her ability to effectively raise students' academic prowess and self-esteem helps bolster their performance amidst any present challenges they may have. Today, she builds and operates schools utilizing her education ethos to replicate her success.

Ms. Wright graduated from Florida State University in 2003, gave birth to the beautiful and precocious Victoria Maree in 2007, and started her own charter system in 2010. Her passion, upbringing and love for empowering others through education, laid the framework for her unique education and management methodology. Building on her parents' legacy, award-winning educators Dr. Clint & Debra Wright, Ashlee continues to shift the education paradigm and change lives for the better, one community at a time.

IN MEMORY OF MARLOWE  
STOUDAMIRE

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to honor the legacy of Marlowe Stoudamire, a beloved community leader in Michigan's 13th

District we lost too soon to COVID-19 in 2020.

Marlowe Stoudamire was an entrepreneur who worked hard to uplift the people of Detroit and to advocate for a better quality of life. He gave his time to many community-based organizations, generating countless ideas and projects to raise Detroit's profile while honoring its legacy and keeping an eye towards its future. Beyond his incredible work, Marlowe Stoudamire was a loving spouse and father. He had an infectious smile and enthusiastic approach to the work he undertook.

Marlowe Stoudamire's pride in his Detroit roots shined through in everything he did. He had an especially close relationship with Eastside Community Network, a community empowerment organization in Detroit. I am incredibly proud to uplift Marlowe's work on the 2nd year anniversary of his passing and in celebration of the opening of the Stoudamire Wellness HUB on Detroit's eastside in honor of his legacy.

Please join me in recognizing the outstanding legacy of Marlowe Stoudamire as we honor his memory.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT J.  
JOYCE, THE GREATER PITTSBURGH  
FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK  
MAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2022*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor Robert J. Joyce who will be named the Man of the Year by the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick at their annual gathering on March 17, 2022.

Bob, a lifelong resident of Avoca, Pennsylvania, is the son of the late Robert and Eleanor Burns Joyce. He graduated from Pittston Area High School before attending the Pennsylvania State University's Smeal College of Business where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree. He then studied finance at the graduate level at the University of Scranton's Kania School of Management. He is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at the University of Delaware and Leadership Wilkes-Barre.

Bob has had a successful career in the finance and insurance industries. He served as the Vice President of Finance at the Eastern Bank, N.A. in Wilkes-Barre, and he is currently a Vice President of the Plateau Group, Inc., an insurance holding company. He is responsible for managing, marketing, and distribution of specialty insurance lines for lenders throughout New England and the Mid Atlantic. He held similar roles at AIG American General and USLIFE Corporation. Bob shares his expertise in the industry by serving on the board of directors for the Pennsylvania Financial Services Association and as a member of the Independent Community Bankers Association of America and the Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Bob is an active community volunteer. He is a member of Queen of the Apostles Parish where he serves on the Finance Council. He is a Trustee and Third-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Cardinal John J. O'Con-

nor Council 12967 in Avoca. He has volunteered as a youth sports coach for the Avoca-Dupont Little League and managed the Avoca-Dupont-Pittston Teener League Team. He was a co-founder of the Our Lady of Peace-Holy Cross Junior High School Baseball Team. He is a longtime member of and former basketball coach for the Avoca Jolly Boys Association. Bob is also a proud member of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and served as Toastmaster for the 90th annual gathering in 2004.

Bob is married to Noreen Nixon Joyce, and they have two children, Bobby, a Philadelphia-based accountant, and Bridgeen, a graduate student at Georgetown University.

I am honored to join the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in recognizing Bob as the 2022 Man of the Year. He has built a successful career in finance while continuing to honor his Avoca roots by tirelessly giving back to and supporting his community. May he continue to find professional success and satisfaction in community-based endeavors. I wish him the best this St. Patrick's Day.

HONORING DEPUTY CHIEF BETTY  
HOLLAND FOR WOMEN'S HIS-  
TORY MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Deputy Chief Betty Holland is a 34-year veteran of the Law Enforcement Profession. She currently works for the Kissimmee Police Department as Deputy Chief of the Operations Bureau. Before coming to the Kissimmee Police Department in March of 2018, she worked for the Polk County Sheriff's Office for 30 years where she retired as a Captain. Deputy Chief Holland has held several prominent supervisory positions in the law enforcement community, including her time as the Criminal and Strategic Investigation's Lieutenant and overseeing the Criminal Justice Academy as a Captain.

Deputy Chief Holland received her Bachelor of Science in Business and Professional Leadership from Southeastern University, and her Master of Public Administration from Troy University. In addition, she is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course from the University of Louisville, and a graduate of the Certified Public Manager Program from Florida State University.

Deputy Chief Holland's first thoughts of a law enforcement career surfaced at 15. Her best friend's dad was a retired Deputy Sheriff, which sparked her interest in Law Enforcement. This interest quickly developed into a passion, and when she graduated from High School, she immediately accepted a position at the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Chief Betty Holland's career goals include becoming Chief of Police with the Kissimmee Police Department and continuing to build relationships with the community. She is passionate about lowering crime rates with innovative new deterrent measures, holding public servants to higher standards and expectations, and creating more open lines of communication between officers and civilians. Her actions regarding these objectives remain a consistent measure of her interests in the betterment of the field of law enforcement.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2022*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, I was unable to vote on Roll Call vote No. 72: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 5001, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, and for the other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

## FEBRUARY CONSTITUENTS OF THE MONTH

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2022*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Cynthia and W.B. May, two veterans and owners of Cynthia's Artistic Expressions in Oceanside, California, as my Constituents of the Month for their invaluable contributions to our community.

After both serving in the Navy during the Gulf War, W.B. was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, and Cynthia was diagnosed with anxiety. Once they separated from the military, they realized they needed a way to express themselves and manage their post-traumatic stress and anxiety. They opened Cynthia's Artistic Expressions in order to help veterans and others deal with mental or emotional health challenges, while also making art more accessible, and their establishment has become an integral piece of our Oceanside community. Since they opened their doors, they have seen countless veterans, servicemembers, and civilians benefit from therapeutic art healing. At a time when our nation is grappling with tragic rates of veteran suicide, I am very grateful that they provide this healing opportunity for our local military community.

Cynthia and W.B. strengthen our community far beyond the doors of their art studio, too. They are known for doing extensive outreach to the community of veterans and military families around Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, hosting food drives through their church, Shiloh Church of God in Christ in Oceanside, on the last Thursday of every month for servicemembers and their families who struggle with food insecurity. According to the San Diego Food Bank, nearly 39,000 veterans and active-duty military personnel and their dependents use their services every month, so the work that Cynthia and W.B. do to help feed military families is critically important. They have also worked with vet centers and retirement homes to lighten the facilities with fine art, and they have also donated their time to organizations like the Boys and Girls Club, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the North County African American Women's Association (NCAAWA).

I created a Constituent of the Month program to recognize local individuals who give back to our community in extraordinary ways,

but who often don't receive the recognition they deserve. Cynthia and W.B. certainly meet that criteria, and I cannot thank them enough for everything they have contributed to make Oceanside a brighter, healthier place. It's also my honor to recognize them during Black History Month, when we celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of Black Americans throughout our Nation's history. On behalf of a proud and grateful community, it's my pleasure to recognize them as our Constituents of the Month.

## HONORING YULONDA BELL FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Yulonda Bell serves as Associate Dean for Student Services at Polk State College, where she listens to, learns from, and encourages people from all walks of life to achieve their dreams. Bell is a strong leader who does not seek the spotlight and prefers to work in the background providing guidance and support that fosters student success.

Born and raised in Bartow, Bell was a teen parent who overcame obstacles to achieve her diploma and provide for her family. Her perseverance resulted in her achievement of an associate degree from Polk Community College, a bachelor's degree from Warner University, and a master's degree from Webster University—all while raising two sons.

She first served Polk County Public Schools, followed by positions with the Florida Department of Children and Families, and finally Polk State College. She was the first in her family to achieve a college diploma, providing her with an understanding of the challenges that students of color and first-generation-in-college students face as they navigate higher education.

She is a leader on campus, serving as an advisor to the Black Student Union, a founder of S.I.S.T.E.R.S. (Strong, Independent Sisters, That Encourage, Respect, and Survive), and a mentor for Polk State Basketball and STEM Club students.

She also invests time as a member of the organizing committee for the City of Winter Haven Juneteenth Celebration, serving on the City of Winter Haven's Martin Luther King Committee, volunteering at the Neighborhood Service Center, and participating in Lift Lakeland to improve race relations and expand economic, education, and civic involvement.

Bell lives Maya Angelou's quote, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel," as she plays an important role in supporting students and celebrating their achievements.

## RECOGNIZING THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF BAKERSFIELD

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2022*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Women's Club of Bakersfield on their 126th birthday.

Founded in 1896, the Women's Club of Bakersfield is the oldest cultural club in Kern County. They erected their first building in 1900 and after outgrowing it, moved into their current home in November 1921.

The Women's Club not only provides a dedicated space for women to organize, but they also have a rich history of philanthropic work within the community. Some of the Club's achievements include their advocacy for Women's Suffrage, help to create the first public library in Bakersfield, and preservation efforts for the Beale Clock Tower and California Redwoods. They also provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to local students and do important work to support local troops and veterans.

Their dedication to service and giving back has been felt by thousands of people throughout Kern County. These women of all ages and backgrounds are a true testament to the passion and selflessness that epitomizes our Central Valley community.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Women's Club of Bakersfield for 126 years of service to the Bakersfield community.

## COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARELINK

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2022*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today commemorating the 25th anniversary of the University Health CareLink. For more than two decades, CareLink has provided invaluable healthcare services to Bexar County's most vulnerable residents. I am honored to recognize their efforts this day.

Bexar County has long struggled to make sure that every resident can access consistent, high-quality health care. Many county residents live below the poverty line, are uninsured, and struggle to get by. Since 1997, CareLink under University Health System has stepped up to meet the needs facing our less fortunate. University Health has transformed the lives of the uninsured by offering its members comprehensive and flexible care based on each member's unique circumstance.

For 25 years CareLink has provided 461,472 low-income, uninsured residents access to a full range of medical services. CareLink now averages 27,850 members each month and connects 100 percent of its members with a health care provider. CareLink has become a model for the nation in providing access to essential and affordable health care services.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing 25 years of invaluable service by University Health CareLink. I am confident that